## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

The status and content of each claim follows.

 (previously presented) A method of executing a computer algorithm, comprising: executing a first module encapsulating said computer algorithm except at least one communication operation of said algorithm;

executing a second module encapsulating said at least one communication operation of said algorithm, such that said at least one communication operation is available to said first module; and

instantiating at least one data object for encapsulating data communicated between said first module and a communicating partner, each one of said at least one data object being an instance of a data class, said data communicated between said first module and said communicating partner being accessible by said first module.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one communication operation comprises at least one environment-dependent communication operation of said algorithm.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said at least one environment-dependent communication operation comprises all environment-dependent communication operations of said algorithm.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising executing a third module encapsulating another communication operation of said algorithm.

## 5. (cancelled)

- 6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein data from said first module is encapsulated in a first data object being an instance of a first data class, and data to said first module is encapsulated in a second data object being an instance of a second data class.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said second module comprises a communication object, said communication object being an instance of a communication class.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said first module comprises a command object, said command object being an instance of a command class.
- 9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein each one of said classes implements one of a plurality of protocols of a framework, such that instances of said classes are compatible with each other.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said framework is a Java framework and each one of said plurality of protocols is respectively encapsulated in an interface.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said command class implements a command interface, said command interface defining at least one method of executing, said method of executing taking an indicator of said communication object as a parameter, thereby an operation of said communication object is available to said command object.

- 12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said communication class implements a communication interface, said communication interface defining at least one method of communication.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one method of communication comprises a method of communicating data from said first data object to said communication partner.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one method of communication comprises a method of communicating data from said communicating partner to said second data object.
- 15. (currently amended) A computer readable medium storing thereon computer executable instruction code, said code when executed by a processor of a computer causes said processor to:

execute a first module encapsulating a computer algorithm except at least one communication operation of said algorithm; and

execute a second module encapsulating said at least one communication operation of said algorithm, such that said at least one communication operation is available to said first module,

wherein said second module <u>comprises</u> <u>encapsulates</u> at least one environment-dependent communication operation of said algorithm and is configured to communicate with a communicating partner.

16-25. (cancelled)

26. (currently amended) The computer system of claim [[24]] 15, wherein each one of said first and second module codes implements a common protocol so that said first and second module codes are compatible.